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# AGRESERVES LIMITED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996

MARTIN & ACOCK CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS NORWICH



# DIRECTORS

John W Creer Karl F Keeler Keith Broadway Thomas Rueckert Clive Jolliffe

#### SECRETARY

Keith Broadway Thomas Rueckert

# REGISTERED OFFICE

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# REGISTERED NUMBER

2947030

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their annual report and the audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 1996.

#### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £265,195.

#### REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be arable and dairy farming.

The company operates a policy of generating the highest profit feasible from efficient farming techniques utilising the latest technology whilst ensuring the appearance and upkeep of the farm land and buildings are maintained to a high standard.

This policy was successfully implemented this year with all crops performing on a par with, or above, expectations. As a result, the set up costs incurred in the period to 31 December 1995 have now been absorbed.

The directors are committed to maintaining the upward trend in the company's performance and are confident that the company will continue to be profitable in succeeding years.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors of the company during the year, and their interest in the share capital of the company were as follows:

	<u> 1996</u>	<u> 1995</u>
	£	£
John W Creer	_	_
Karl F Keeler	-	_
Keith Broadway	_	_
Thomas Rueckert	_	_
Clive Jolliffe	_	_

Thomas Rueckert and Clive Jolliffe, who were appointed directors on 9 September 1996, retire from the board at the annual general meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

#### DONATIONS

The company made charitable donations of £371,393 (1995: £NIL) during the year.

#### AUDITORS

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985 a resolution proposing the re-appointment of Martin & Acock as auditors to the company will be put to the annual general meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 24th September 1997.

C.R. Jolliffe Director

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to

- (i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (iii) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (iv) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# AUDITORS' REPORT TO AGRESERVES LIMITED PURSUANT TO SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 5 to 17 together with the financial statements of AgReserves Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1996.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246A(3) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

# Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985 and the abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 17 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

Martin and Acode

MARTIN & ACOCK Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

2 The Close Norwich NR1 4DJ

24 September 1997

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

		£	<u>19</u>	96	£		er 1994 to mber 1995 £
GROSS PROFIT	2		1,	176,	592		366,462
Machinery costs Administrative expenses		385,537 137,655				325,655 324,883	
			(	523	192)		(650,538)
Other operating income				51,	266		11,559
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	3			704	666		(272,517)
Profit on sale of Milk Quota Profit on sale of fixed assets Amounts written off investments Other interest receivable		26,325				-	
		15,186				9,145	
	11	(47,227)	)			-	
and similar income Interest payable and	6	11,569				3,983	
similar charges Charitable payment	7	(371,393)	)			(1,0 <b>4</b> 5) -	
			(	(365,	540)		12,083
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE							
TAXATION	2			339,	126		(260,434)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	8			(73,	931)		-
RETAINED PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL							
YEAR/PERIOD	18		£	265	195	£	(260,434)

The company had no recognised gains or losses other than the  $\operatorname{profit}/(\operatorname{loss})$  for the year/period as reported above.

Turnover and operating profit were derived wholly from continuing activities.

			DECEMBER 1		995
2	lote	£ _1	£	£	. <u>995</u>
FIXED ASSETS Intangible assets Tangible assets Investments	9 10 11	£	320,514 832,248 3,525,455	£	295,427 773,704 3,567,506
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand		1,486,701 210,470 482,127	4,678,217	959,443 1,182,557 184,347	4,636,637
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	14(	2,179,298 (1,135,383)		2,326,347 (1,490,751)	)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			1,043,915		835,596
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			5,722,132		5,472,233
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	14	-		32,667	
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES					
Deferred taxation	15	17,371	(17,371	)	(32,667)
		£	5,704,761	£	5,439,566
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital Capital reserve Profit and loss account		1,000,000 4,700,000 4,761		1,000,000 4,700,000 (260,434	) 5,439,566
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	19	£	5,704,761	£	5,439,566

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Section B of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a medium sized company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium sized companies.

C.R. Jolliffe Director

# CASH\_FLOW\_STATEMENT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

£ 19	996 £	3 October 1994 to 31 December 1995 £ £			
	840,951	(1,109,962)			
11,569		3,983 (1,045)			
	11,569	2,938			
(51,412)		(295,427)			
52,650		-			
(272,847)	72,847) (1,026,898)				
59,075 (309,540)	(:	171,752 3,258,056)			
	(522,074)	(4,408,629)			
	330,446	(5,515,653)			
-		1,000,000			
(32,666)		4,700,000			
	(32,666)	5,700,000			
ł	E 297,780	£ 184,347			
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# NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DE	CEMBER 1996	2 0-1-1 1004 +
		1996	3 October 1994 to 31 December 1995
1.	RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	£	£
	Operating profit/(loss) Depreciation charges Issue of free shares (Increase) in stock Decrease/(increase) in debtors (Decrease)/increase in creditors Donations	704,666 170,414 (5,176) (527,258) 972,087 (102,389) (371,393)	155,920 - (959,443) (1,182,557) 1,148,635
	Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		£(1,109,962) 3 October 1994 to
2.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR	<u>1996</u> £	31 <u>December 1995</u> £
	Balance at 1 January 1996 Net cash inflow	184,347 297,780	184,347
	Balance at 31 December 1996	£ 482,127	£ 184,347
3,	ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SHEET	£	Change 195 in year £ £
	Cash at bank and in hand	£ 482,12 <b>7</b> £ 18 <b>4</b> ,	347 £ 297,780
4.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FINANCING		<del></del>

DURING THE YEAR				
	Share	capital	Loans and	d finance
	ā	ınd	lea	se
	Capital	. Reserve	obligat	tions
	<u> 1996</u>	<u> 1995</u>	<u> 1996</u>	<u> 1995</u>
	£	£	£	£
Balance at				
1 January 1996	5,700,000	_	65,333	-
Net cash (outflow) from				
financing	_	-	(32,666)	-
Issue of shares	-	1,000,000	-	-
Inception of finance				
lease contracts	-	-	· -	65,333
Funding provided by group	-	4,700,000	-	-
Balance at				
31 December 1996	£5, <b>700,00</b> 0	£5,700,000	£32,6 <b>67</b>	£65,333

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

#### 1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As in previous years, the accounts are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The following is a summary of the more important accounting policies used by the company.

- TURNOVER represents the total amount charged to customers for goods supplied and services rendered, excluding VAT.
- b) DEFERRED TAXATION is provided on the liability method on all timing differences, except for those which are not expected to reverse in the future.
- c) INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS. Milk quotas are stated at cost.
- d) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation thereon.

DEPRECIATION on tangible fixed assets is calculated to write-off the cost less estimated residual value over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used for this purpose, which are consistent with those of the previous year, are:

Farm building improvements and drainage

Plant and machinery

straight line over 5 to 20 years straight line over 5 to 10 years  $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left($ 

Motor vehicles

straight line over 3 to 10 years

Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment

straight line over 5 years

- e) STOCKS are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.
  - Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.
- f) Assets obtained under FINANCE LEASES AND HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives or, in the case of finance leases, over the total lease term if shorter.

The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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- g) The costs of providing PENSIONS for employees are charged in the profit and loss account over the average working life of employees in accordance with the recommendations of qualified actuaries. Any funding surplus or deficit which may arise from time to time is amortised over the average working life of employees.
- h) AREA AID INCOME is recognised in the profit and loss account when the underlying crops are sold.

Set aside income is recognised on a receipts basis. This represents a change in accounting policy since 31 December 1995 when, for harvested crops which remained unsold, set aside was treated as deferred income in the balance sheet. The directors consider the revised policy does not have a material effect on the stated profit for the year.

2. GROSS PROFIT AND PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION

These derive from the company's principal activity within the U.K.

3.	OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) IS STATED AFTER CHARGING	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
	Directors' remuneration Auditors' remuneration Depreciation Operating lease rentals:	43,558 8,000 170,414	10,000 155,920
	Plant and machinery Land and buildings	39,130 258,400	42,891 258,400
4.	DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION	<u>1996</u> £	1995 £
	Salary Other emoluments (including	37,000	-
	pension contributions)	6,558	
		£ 43,558	£ -

Only one director received remuneration during the year.

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5.	STAFF COSTS		1996 £		1995 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs		363,030 24,207 18,075		78,608 23,217 14,996
		£	405,312	£3	16,821
	The average number of employees during the follows:	уеа	r was		up as
	Farming Office and management		13 5		12 6
			18		18
6.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		1996 £		1995 £
	Bank deposit accounts		11,569		3,983
		£	11,569	£	3,983
7.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		1996 £		1995 £
	Finance charges - hire purchase and finance leases		-		1,045
		£	-	£	1,045
8.	TAX ON PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		1996 £	•	1995 £
:	Based on the profit for the year: Corporation tax Deferred taxation		56,560 17,371		
		£	73,931	- I £	_

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

9.	INTANGIBLE ASSETS			<u>1996</u> €	199 <u>5</u> £
	Milk Quota:				
	Balance at 1 January 1996 Additions Disposals			295,427 51,412 (26,325)	295,427
	Balance at 31 December 1996		£	320,514 £	295,427
10.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		ldings and covements	Motor Vehicles, Plant and Machinery	Total £
	Cost At 1 January 1996 Additions Disposals		23,392 21,321	882,209 251,526 (60,850)	905,601 272,847 (60,850)
	At 31 December 1996	£	44,713	1,072,885 1	,117,598
	Depreciation At 1 January 1996 Provided during the		2,902	128,995	131,897
	year Eliminated on disposals		4,868 -	165,5 <b>4</b> 6 (16,961)	170,414 (16,961)
	At 31 December 1996	£	7,770	277,580	285,350
	Net book value At 31 December 1996	£	36,943	795,305	832,248
	At 31 December 1995	£	20,490	753,214	773,704

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

#### 11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Investments Total
3,567,506 (47,227)	- 3,567,506 5,176 5,176 - (47,227)
£ 3,520,279	5,176 3,525,455
£ 3,520,279	5,176 5,176 - 3,520,279
£ 3,520,279	5,176 3,525,455
3,567,506	- 3,567,506
£ 3,567,506	- 3,567,506
	Subsidiary Undertaking :  3,567,506 (47,227) £ 3,520,279 £ 3,520,279 £ 3,520,279

In the opinion of the directors the aggregate value of the company's investment in subsidiary undertakings is not less than the amount included in the balance sheet.

Market value of listed investments:

The market value of listed investments as at 31 December 1996 was £6,563 (1995: £Nil).

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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# 11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The company holds more than 10% of the share capital of the following companies:

Country of

incorporation/ registration

Shares held Class %

Company

Subsidiary undertakings Hallsworth

(Farmland Trust) Ltd

England and Wales Ordinary 100

Hallsworth (Farmland Trust) Limited which has a coterminous year end had the following capital and reserves and result for the financial year ended 31 December 1996.

Loss for the year Capital and reserves £2,928,745 £ (15,265)

The accounts present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group, as the company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

# 12 STOCKS

		<u>1996</u>	<u> 1995</u>
	Stored crops Consumables Cultivations Heifers	£ 722,935 168,899 457,192 49,337	£ 340,371 144,178 335,215 56,338
	Dairy Herd	88,338	83,341
		£ 1,486,701	£ 959,443
13.	DEBTORS	1996 £	<u>1995</u> £
	Due within one year: Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	122,695 47,206 26,766 13,803	258,911 841,713 81,633 300
		£ 210,470	£ 1,182,557

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#### 14. CREDITORS

		due within	Falling du	
	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £
H P and finance leases	32,667	32,666	-	32,667
Trade creditors Amounts owed to parent undertaking and fellow	34,397	50,619	-	-
subsidiary undertakings	624,352	802,548	_	-
Corporation tax Other taxes and social	56,560	-	-	-
security costs	47,799	7,890	-	-
Other creditors	39,854	326,271	-	-
Accruals	299,754	270,757		
£ 1	,135,383	£ 1,490,751	£ -	£ 32,667

Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase arrangements are secured on the underlying assets.

#### 15. DEFERRED TAXATION

Provision has been made for the full potential liability, as follows:

Deferred taxation provided in the accounts, and the amounts of deferred taxation for which provision is not made, are as follows:

			nounts			Provision			
		1996 £	PIOV.	1995 £		1996 £	121	1995 £	
Capital allowances in advance of depreciation	£	_	£	-	£	17,371	£	-	

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16.	SHARE CAPITAL		<u>1996</u> £		1995 £
	Authorised Ordinary shares of £1 each	£	2,000,000	£	2,000,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid Ordinary shares of £1 each	£	1,000,000	£	1,000,000
17.	Capital Reserve		1996 £		1995 £
	At 1 January 1996 and at 31 December 1996	£	4,700,000	£	4,700,000
18.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		1996 £		1995 £
	At 1 January 1996 Profit/(loss) for the year/period		(260,434 265,195		(260,434)
	At 31 December 1996		£ 4,761	£	(260,434)
19.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		1996 £		<u>1995</u> £
	Profit/(loss) for the financial year/period New share capital subscribed Funding provided by group		265,195 - -		(260,434) 1,000,000 4,700,000
	Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds		265,195 5,439,566		5,439,566
	Closing shareholders' funds	£	5,704,761	£	5,439,566

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1996 1995
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<u>Buildings Other</u> E E E E

#### 20. OPERATING LEASES

The company is committed to making the following payments in the coming year in respect of commitments which expire:

After more than five years £ 258,757 £ - £ 258,400 £

# 21. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company is part of a group scheme operating a pension plan based on final pensionable earnings. The assets of the Plan are held in a separate trustee administered fund. Contributions charged to the revenue account are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over the employees' working lives with the company. The contributions are determined by a qualified actuary using the projected unit method.

The latest actuarial valuation of the Plan was as at 1 January 1994. The assumptions having the most significant effect on the valuation results were that investment returns would be 9% and that pensionable earnings increases would average 7.5%pa. The valuation showed that the market value of the Plan's assets was £4,851,000 and that the actuarial value of those assets represented 107% of the benefits that had accrued to members, after allowing for expected future increases in pensionable earnings.

The pension charged for the period was £18,075, which included allowance for the amortisation of experience surpluses. These are being recognised over 12 years, the average remaining service lives of employees.

# 22. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The company's ultimate joint parent undertakings are the Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the Corporation of the Presiding Bishopric, both corporations being incorporated in the State of Utah.

# 23. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 24th September 1997.